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PROGRAMS

- Apr. 2nd. WERS receiver and freq. meter calibration party at Police Radio Station. Everyone turn out for this event. Assembly starts at 3:30 PM.
- Apr. 3rd. Directors meeting at the home of Fred Manning 4718 Bertha St. 9:00 PM.
- Apr. 7th. Regular club meeting, this meeting will be turned over to the writing of letters to servicemen of the club. Please bring pen and ink.
- Apr. 14th. WERS meeting. New committee assignments.
- Apr. 21st. Regular club meeting. Motion pictures taken on club outings, hamfests, and the convention will be shown. This is an excellent time for the oldtimers to turn out. Also past members. Pass the word around so that they may be there.
- Apr. 28th. WERS meeting. To be announced.

All meetings are held at the club room on the third floor of Fire Headquarters at Alabama and New York Sts. Everyone is invited to attend. Meetings called to order at 8:15 PM.

PAST PROGRAMS

On March 3rd Mr. Paul Cox of Packard Mfg. Co. talked and demonstrated his Wired Wireless equipment. As was stated in the last issue of Amachewer there were many interested in this development and this meeting provided a means for those interested to get together. (See current QST correspondence section.) As a result a program will be scheduled later with those who have built WW equipment, since Mr. Cox's demonstration, telling of their success and experiments.

March the 10th was well attended with twelve pieces of apparatus displayed. Each man having equipment at this meeting described the special features and told of his circuit selection. Many interesting and valuable arrangements were thus described. Perhaps as a result of this meeting we can hold another display so that those making use of the suggestions given at the above time can show their improved apparatus.

March 17th. Mr. D. J. Angus of the Esterline Angus Co. talked on Metering. His talk included all the various meters used in taking electrical measurements. He finished by answering questions relating to meters and their circuits.

March 24th. Mr. Masterson of RCA Mfg Co. showed sound motion pictures of the manufacture of glass and metal tubes.

The showing of this film leads us to hope for the day when we may be able to see the actual manufacture of these tubes through an inspection trip of the plant itself.

March 31st. Mr. Harold Schultz of Electronics Labs. gave his antenna talk which had been scheduled for the 24th. His ideas presented and the report of his results of the different skywires tried led to quite an interesting discussion.

Mr. Schultz also gave a brief history of Wire Recording. This presentation was in lieu of the scheduled address by an RCA man who was unable to secure permission to talk on this subject. According to Harold, we may expect Wire Recording to supplant was discs after the war.

Wanted-for future programs-any one able to present interesting talks at our meetings on subjects relating to Electronics or any general interest topic.

NEW MEMBERS

The IRC voted the acceptance of the membership applications of the following men:

Jack Snyder

Edgar McNay

Following their acceptance by the Board of Directors they will be presented with the certificate of membership of the IRC and become full fledged members.

Mr. McNay, a former member of the club whose membership lapsed in 1934, and Mr. Snyder, who is an active member of the WERS, give promise of becoming very active members in the club. That is the spirit, fellow members, help us along with your suggestions and ideas.

OLD MEMBERS

In checking the attendance at the many fine programs presented at the club meetings during the past months we find a lamentable absence of the older (in length of membership) members of the IRC. It leads us to wonder just what keeps them from our club meetings. So many of them could give talks to keep our programs alive and going and yet we do not hear from them. What means can be taken to make our meetings attractive enough to them to insure their attendance at all meetings?

The support given the club and its WERS work by new members of the IRC and even the new non members in attendance is very gratifying and lends substance to the thought that the younger ham is the stronger dyed-in-the-wool amateur of the two. The elder member may have lost his interest in ham radio now that we are not active as amateurs. On the other hand the opportunities to serve as WERS operators while not offering the same advantages as our pre-war activities is certainly one way of making sure that there will be a ham radio after the peace.

Can we hear from these "stay at homes", better yet, attend our meetings and see what good the younger member has been able to give the club. It's a challenge.

SUGGESTIONS

Any reports on the FCC exams held in Feb. yet? How about a weiner roast before too warm a weather sets in? How about a chain of programs, a math instructions series for example? A program soon by Jack Snyder showing how to make a trio or quartet with only one vocalist. Wanted-some one to put on an oscilloscope program at the club.

Amateur equipment of the son (in the service) of C. S. J. Snyder RR 14 Box 284 is for sale. Broadway 6661 for info.

Another "ten group" subscription to QST is being sponsored. If you want to get QST at the \$2.00 per year rate see Bill Lueth. Same rate applies for a new sub., renewal, or an extension.

LETTERS

We have no letters from our members in the service this month. If you have received a letter yourself from one in the armed forces and he asks you to give his regards to the gang, why don't you let the editor know about it so that it can be put into Amachewer. Editor's address, R. Caskey, 2355 Stuart St., Indianapolis 1, Ind. I, personally have made it a point to answer every letter that has been sent to the club. To keep our members posted of our doings back here it means just this: regardless of the many duties that we at home are performing we must find time to sit down and write to our comrades who are away from home fighting to preserve the principles that we hold so dear. Now is a good time to write that letter that has been put off so many times in the past.

War Emergency

WERS

Radio Service

Bill Lueth, W9DSC, our Radio Aide informs us that the 12 new stations are now licensed for operation as well as our former units. At the present time however the operator permits for the owners of the new units have not come in so they cannot be operated by the owners. When their permits do arrive then we can look for plenty of activity from them.

The following Summary and Notes on WERS in Marion County was contributed by our secretary, Otto Walters:

To the able and persistent efforts of Capt. Batts of the Indianapolis Police Dept., past club presidents LeRoy Waggoner, Lt. Nelson Trusler, Wm. Lueth, and Donovan Davis, W.E.R.S. in Marion County came into being in June 1943. The call letters WKPZ were issued and Marion County and its Civilian Defense Organization were ready to tackle the job ahead.

With one of the finest manuals in the country we started to drop some of our amateur ideas and take on new duties and obligations.

The following are some notes and observations on this activity.

- 1 The Fixed stations were the first on the air. In these first days all activity centered on these stations.
- 2 Within a few weeks several mobile units became active. These were assigned to various fixed stations. Results at first were spotty, but many difficulties were being overcome.
- 3 As more mobile stations came on the air, testing and checking was carried on between the fixed and the mobile stations. Also between various mobile units.
- 4 The first planned use of W.E.R.S. was in connection with the Civilian Defense Bond Drive on Oct. 26th. Results were not as satisfactory as had been hoped for.

To be concluded in May issue of Amachewer.